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REMARKS

Claims 4, 6, 7, 10-13, 18, and 20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 14-17, and 19 are cancelled above. Claims 4, 6, 7, 10-13, 18, and 20 stand objected to only as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and would be allowable if rewritten and independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 6, 7, 10-13, 18, and 20 have been rewritten in independent form to place them in condition for immediate allowance.

Claim 13 stands objected to upon informalities. Claim 13 has been amended as suggested in the Office Action to overcome this objection.

Previous claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 15-17, and 19 stood rejected on prior art grounds. Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 15-17, and 19 have been cancelled above, and therefore, the prior art rejections are rendered moot.

With respect to the objections to the specification, the specification has been amended above, as suggested in the Office Action, to overcome these objections. With respect to the objection to the drawings, the cancellation of claims 2, 3, 9, 16, and 17 (which claimed the mapping of minimum/maximum values) renders the objection moot. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections to the specification and drawings.

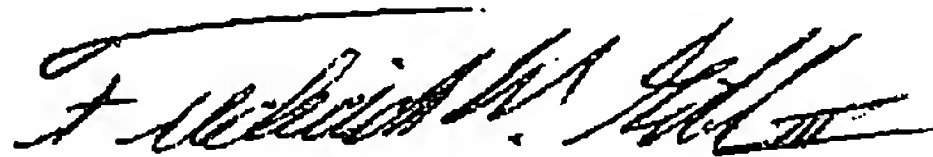
In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 4-6, 7, 10-13, 18, and 20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

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